

September 11, 2001

The **September 11, 2001 attacks** consisted of a series of coordinated suicide terrorist attacks upon the United States, predominantly targeting civilians, carried out on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. That morning, 19 men affiliated with al-Qaeda hijacked four commercial passenger jet airliners. Each team of hijackers included a trained pilot. Two planes departing from Boston crashed into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, one plane into each tower. Both towers collapsed within two hours. The pilot of the third team crashed a plane into the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia. Passengers and members of the flight crew on the fourth aircraft attempted to retake control of their plane from the hijackers; that plane crashed into a field near the town of Shanksville in rural Somerset County, Pennsylvania. A confirmed 2,973 people died and another 24 remain listed as missing to this day as a result of these terrorist attacks.

Five Years Later – ever present reminders

May 3, 2006 - Zacarias Moussaoui (born May 30, 1968) is a French citizen of Moroccan descent, and was convicted of conspiring to kill Americans as part of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. As a result of his conviction, he is currently serving a life sentence at the Administrative maximum security prison facility in Florence, Colorado.

August 10, 2005 - British authorities thwarted a terrorist plot to simultaneously blow up several aircraft heading to the U.S. using explosives smuggled in carry-on luggage. The Department of Homeland Security raises the nation's threat level to Code Red, or Severe.

August 13, 2006 - Oliver Stone's "World Trade Center," the 9/11 rescue drama opened in theaters nationwide, and grossed \$19 million.

August 16, 2006 - 911 Audio Tapes – Over 1,600 phone calls made between 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. on September 11, were released today.

August 18, 2006 – The United States Government lowered the nation's threat level from Code Red or Severe to Code Orange or High for flights from the United Kingdom to the United States. The ban on liquids and gels in carry on baggage remains in full effect. The investigation continues to follow all leads, and authorities remain vigilant for any signs of planning within the U.S. or directed at Americans.

Mental Health Services & Support

www.nyc.gov/911services

<http://www.nydis.org/recovery/11.php> - New York Disaster Interfaith Services. Through faith-based partnerships as well as government and community-based agencies, NYDIS provides preparedness planning, facilitates coordinative services, and equips faith communities and their leaders for readiness, response, and recovery.

Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance: Fact Sheet

www.massfund.org – Massachusetts 9/11 Fund offers information, mental health services, and support and will lead the Fifth Anniversary Commemoration at the State House, Boston, MA on September 11, 2006. All are welcome. For listing of services and activities on 9/11/06, please refer to their website or call: Toll Free (866)-FUND-911.

As the fifth anniversary of September 11 approaches, the American Red Cross wants to remind you that people affected by this tragedy can still receive financial assistance if they need it for mental health and substance abuse treatment. The deadline to enroll in the [9/11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program](#) is January 2, 2007. No matter where you live there are services to help www.9-11mentalhealth.org.

www.mass.gov/mova Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) – Alexandra Detjens, Victim Services Coordinator, 617-727-9752. Please call with any questions and/or referral requests. MOVA can connect you with mental health service providers, criminal justice agencies and other victim service agencies.

Fifth Anniversary

www.massfund.org - Please refer to the Mass 9/11 Fund for a listing of all commemorations and activities planned around the fifth anniversary in Massachusetts.
Fifth Commemoration Ceremonies and Activities - Monday, September 11, 2006
Flag Lowering and Moment of Silence - 8:30 AM
Location: Massachusetts State House Lawn

Commemoration Observation – 9:30 AM
Location: The House Chamber - Massachusetts State House

Madeline “Amy” Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery – 10:15 AM
Location: The House Chamber - Massachusetts State House

Private Family Luncheon – 11:30 AM
Location: Park Plaza Hotel Imperial Ballroom

For information about New York activities, please refer to www.nyc.gov/911services which provides a listing of events.

With ever present reminders, new terrorist threats and anniversary events planned, the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) and the Mass 9/11 Fund are available for support and referrals for anyone needing assistance. Please call Alexandra Detjens, MOVA, at 617-727-9752 or Diane Nealon, Mass 9/11 Fund, at 866-FUND-911. Counseling and advocacy services are also listed on MOVA’s website www.mass.gov/mova under Free Help and Support for Victims of Crime.